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Township, lake assoc. at odds over boat launch

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Staff for the Township of Minden Hills say a public boat launch proposal from the Bob Lake Association would cost much more than what the association has estimated.

Members of the association had visited township councillors in December with their pitch, which is the construction of a concrete-slab boat launch on a road allowance along Claude Brown Road, which is a municipally maintained road.

In 2016, the owner of the Bob Lake property that houses a long-used boat launch barricaded the launch to the public. For many years, there was a misunderstanding, including by Minden Hills township, that the launch was publicly owned.

Association members told councillors that, according to their estimations, the project at Claude Brown Road should cost \$30,000, and require relatively little maintenance thereafter.

However, a report from Minden Hills planner Ian Clendening noted a number of concerns with the proposed project, which, in his estimation would actually carry a price tag of more than \$180,000.

One concern is traffic safety.

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Volleyball action at ASES

Bronson McCord, left, and Kolby McGover watch teammate Ty Mills volley the ball in round-robin action at the 2018 Intermediate Boys County Division A Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at ASES in Minden. More on page 14./DARREN LUM Staff



Chamber members plan Vote Prosperity

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Chamber of Commerce members met over breakfast to discuss recommendations that affect their small businesses to bring to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock political candidates ahead of this year's election.

About 30 business owners met at the chamber event held at Wintergreen Pancake Barn in Gelert on Feb. 6. to add their input to the Vote Prosperity 2018 election platform and campaign being put forward through a partnership with Ontario's chamber network.

"Ontario businesses are the backbone of our economy," reads the introduction of the platform.

"High input costs alongside the ongoing burden of operating in one of the most regulated economies in Canada, is a constraint on business's ability to invest in the human and physical capital required for growth."

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No money earmarked for boat launch in 2018

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“The primary concern identified by the township’s roads superintendent is the fact that Claude Brown Road traverses directly through the proposed travel path of vehicles loading/unloading boats. Based on the concept plan provided, the existing shoreline is two metres from the edge of the south westerly limit of the travelled road and three metres at the south easterly limit. Claude Brown Road separates the launch area from the associated parking and turn around area.

“This arrangement would not be desirable as traffic would be forced to either stop or navigate around vehicles manoeuvring for a proper alignment into the water. This is compounded by the relatively narrow width of the proposed boat launch which would make reversing down the boat launch more difficult and therefore more time-consuming.”

The area also entails private property, something that was also a concern for Clendening.

“Due to the fact that Claude Brown Road becomes a private road over private property to the west of the road allowance it is not within the township’s right to realign the private road’s approach leading up to the launch site, without pursuing expropriation,” his report reads.

Further, it indicates the township only owns about half a snow plow turnaround area that would be used for parking under the proposal.

Other concerns were environmental in nature.

“If pursued, the development of the boat launch would require the removal of the existing vegetation along the shoreline, including several mature trees. The sloped area opposite Claude Brown Road would also be cleared of vegetation and topped with gravel.

“The environmental concerns with removing the shoreline vegetation are compounded in this situation given as the resultant development would have no vegetation between the road and the lake, and there is no barrier between the larger turnaround area sloped behind Claude Brown Road and Bob Lake.

“Bob Lake is identified as an ‘at capacity’ lake trout lake based on existing and modelled water quality conditions conducted by the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources and is reflected on Schedule B of the [Minden Hills] official plan.”

All of this work, including grading, tree removal, legal and property acquisition costs, the purchase of the concrete pad,

as well as a contingency budget for the project would, according to Clendening’s report, total more than \$182,000.

The association is taking issue with this figure, and released a letter to council on Jan. 30 concerning the staff report.

“Needless to say, we have a significant number of concerns with its content that must be heard by council,” the letter reads. “It is unfortunate that major elements of this report were not shared in any form of draft communications with the BLA. Going forward we hope to work in a more collaborative fashion with the township. The BLA firmly believes, in contrast to many of the conclusions within the report, that our original proposal is the best solution available to restore public boat launch access for Bob Lake. It provides the lowest cost option as it does not require any land acquisition. It’s the only option clear of public right-of-way issues, and is by far the most environmentally friendly option given it will avoid the inevitable construction of many future private launches.”

The letter goes on to outline the association’s alternatives to concerns raised in Clendening’s report.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin told the *Times* that, while no money will be allotted for a boat launch project on Bob Lake in the 2018 budget, it’s not a closed case in terms of a possible solution.

“We’re continuing the discussion,” Devolin said, adding council did have both legal and insurance-related concerns with the proposed project.

“Have we given up on Bob Lake, for a solution?” he said. “No, we have not given up.”

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Watching the Wheel

Breakfast fans line up at the Minden Legion on Saturdays for a chance to win one of four breakfast draws. Tickets are sold for \$2, and each ticket allows a spin to win a prize of eggs, orange juice, bread and either side bacon, peameal bacon or sausages. Three desserts are also given away. The draws take place beginning at 1 p.m. Meat draws take place on Wednesdays from 12 to 12:45 as well, when four \$1 draws take place for prizes including bacon, pork or chicken from Coneybeare’s Butcher Shop. Lunch is available on both days, so that even those who don’t win go home with a full belly. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Internet, housing for staff among local issues identified by businesses

from page 1

Policy recommendations include pursuing efforts to reduce Ontario’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in a manner that effectively mitigates risk to business competitiveness, allowing Ontario businesses to buy into surplus electricity before it is exported, modernizing the apprenticeship system, ensuring that land use planning and development regulations are aligned to increase density and create more housing stock, providing appropriate timelines to stakeholders when revising or implementing initiatives that will impact their operations and ensuring all proposed policy, regulation and legislation has been evaluated against sound, quantitative evidence.

Local business owners largely agreed with most recommendations and spoke to some of the issues they face locally, including the cost of required green technology (they approved of the technology but not the high cost associated with it), the lack of housing for staff and length of time of

apprenticeships, the impact on small businesses associated with the unrolling of Bill 148, Ontario’s place as “the most indebted sub-nation in the world” and high-speed internet infrastructure in rural communities.

“What I’m really hoping to drive home for people is how important it is for our members to give us their input on these issues and recommendations,” Autumn Wilson, chamber manager, told the *Times*. “One of our roles as the Chamber of Commerce is advocacy and we cannot be the voice of business without the information from our members.”

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce represents chambers and boards of trade in over 135 communities across Ontario.

A survey for feedback from those who might have missed the breakfast or who have additional comments or concerns will be emailed to chamber members this week.

Further information about the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce can be found at haliburtonchamber.com.



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Police reminding public of ice safety after close calls

by JENN WATT
Editor

Police are issuing reminders about ice safety to the public following two accidents on lakes in Haliburton County.

On Friday, Feb. 2 at about 4:45 p.m., a snowmobile and an all-terrain vehicle went through the ice on Twelve Mile Lake in Minden Hills.

According to information from the police, four men were travelling together to drill holes for ice fishing when their vehicles went through the ice.

"Three of the four males were able to pull themselves out of the water while a bystander threw a rope out to the fourth male and was able to pull him out of the water," a release from police says. "All four males were transported to local hospital by paramedics for precautionary reasons."

On the same day just before 9:30 p.m., police and other emergency services were called to assist with a side-by-side that went through the ice on Boshkung Lake in

Algonquin Highlands.

"The male driver and the three male passengers that had entered the water were able to extricate themselves and made their way toward shore prior to emergency services arrival," police said in a release.

"Upon speaking with the 35-year-old male driver, officers had determined he had been consuming alcohol."

A roadside test determined the man was in warn range and his licence was suspended for three days, police say. No injuries were reported in that event.

Following the two incidents, police reminded the public not to drive any vehicle while impaired.

They are also reminding people that ice isn't safe and to avoid driving on the ice whenever possible.

"Areas that may typically be open could appear to be frozen due to a drop in temperature. If it can't be avoided, check ice conditions beforehand, wear a floater suit and carry ice picks and make sure they are accessible," OPP advise.



Finest Things give fine performance

Minden's Finest Things represented the county in the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships last weekend Feb. 2 and 3 at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. Playing in the Women's Masters 35+ Division, the team made it to the championship game but ended up with a second place finish. They played six games with a total of 79 goals scored. From left, Karen London, Sonja Marx, Tammy Smith, Stephanie MacKendrick, Tracey Gilbert and Cheryl Hamilton. Front, Rhonda Cooper.

Council seeks further clarification on Xplornet proposal

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council is seeking further information before it would sign a contract allowing internet provider Xplornet install equipment on the Dorset tower.

On January, councillors discussed a proposal from the company to enter into a 10-year agreement, where Xplornet would pay the township \$6,000 a year to lease the space.

One of council's main concerns was the length of the proposed contract, with councillors suggesting five or even two years as a more desirable length of time.

Parks, rec and trails manager Chris

Card was instructed to follow up with the company.

During a Feb. 1 council meeting, Card told councillors that 10 years was the minimum amount of time Xplornet would agree to, and that the company had indicated that 20 years is actually more a standard lease agreement time.

"That's the least that they're willing to sign on for," he said.

Card had also been asked if the company was willing to co-locate with other companies on a tower. Currently, local company Highlands Internet Services also has a lease agreement with the township and has equipment located on the lookout tower.

Card indicated the company was fine with co-location, but Marlene Kyle was concerned about a clause in the draft contract that sounded like it would give

Xplornet authority over whom could locate equipment on the structure.

"The licensor, through the granting of the agreement, represents to the licensee that the licensee is the sole communications entity permitted by the licensor to access the premises," that clause reads. "No other communications entity may co-locate on the premises without first obtaining prior written consent from the licensee that shall not be unreasonably withheld."

Councillors took exception to that clause, with Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen saying it needed to be made clear that the township would retain control over who could install equipment on the tower.

"I'd hate to see us put somebody out of business by doing this," Danielsen said.

Card said Xplornet was hoping for a decision that day, as it wanted to complete

the work by the end of March.

"Are they going to snowshoe in?" asked Mayor Carol Moffatt. "Do they know that it's closed?"

The Dorset tower property is open seasonally and Moffatt said she couldn't foresee the township snow plowing through snowmobile trails located on the property.

As far as the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is working on a cell gap project that would eventually likely require towers in the area, chief administrative officer Angie Bird said the biggest concern there was ensuring that no interference would take place.

Card was instructed to take those issues back to Xplornet for further clarification and it's expected that a contract will be tabled at council's next meeting.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018 during its Regular Meeting of Council regarding the Draft 2018 Budget.

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Minden exhibit features three emerging artists

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

It's a unique opportunity not to be missed – the chance to hear from three emerging artists living in Haliburton County who shine a light on their thought processes, methods and the challenges of becoming professional artists in today's world.

Initial, an exhibition focusing on the work of Shannon Schutt, Scott Walling and Daniel Wright, opened at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery this past Jan. 16, and will close Feb. 24, but not before a curatorial talk and artists panel discussion on Feb. 10.

Since 2013, Schutt has created in and experimented with a variety of mediums including graphite, wax, steel and copper.

"The methods are based on exploring memory and feeling while still enjoying experimenting with mediums including coloured pencils, acrylic paint, and alcohol markers," she wrote in her artist statement. "My work is a constant battle of realism vs. Impressionism with the outcome being one of experimentation and constant rejuvenation."

Daniel Wright works in metalwork and is exploring the idea of casting metals. "Sometimes it is just the process of making damascus steel that draws me regardless of what it gets turned into in the end, or the desire to chisel in every cell on a leaf for hours," reads his artist statement. "I have noticed a feeling in myself that when it arises I can allow it to take over and the outcome is almost always positive, without the need for drawings or planning, I just know exactly what I need to do and I go with it."

Schutt and Wright came to Haliburton to attend Fleming's Haliburton School of Art and Design and after about three years here, are working together to set up a jewelry and casting studio in Haliburton.

Scott Walling, who many know from the Centre for Making at Fleming HSAD, has 12 or so pieces exhibited in *Initial*. "Working with a variety of mediums and process, a unifying theme of texture is present throughout my work," he said in his artist statement. "Moving away from strictly digital photography, I practice printmaking, film photography and digital collage. I like using contrast to create moments in light."

Visitors to the panel discussion will hear about what it takes to be an artist nowadays.

"[It's] a lot of hard work, to be honest," said Walling. "You have to be determined in producing things. You can't just kind of make one thing and fly off of that for however long. You have to be producing, changing your

work, adapting and finding different ways to do things keeping within your artistic process."

"Above anything else, it's the drive to actually do that will make or break someone early in a career," said Wright. "Connections and a pinch of talent go a long way, but if you're not driven then it's very difficult to lift yourself up enough to fly."

Use of technology in today's society can make it easier for emerging artists to share work, but because of the sheer amount of images out there, it can also be harder to stand out and be seen.

"Before there was no internet, so you couldn't just post your stuff and have it be shared around," said Walling. "It's harder to get noticed now because there are so many people putting their work out and up there, it's harder to filter through all that. There's these pros and cons to both of these things, where the market is saturated."

Photography is a prime example of that, according to Walling, who said it looks different now that cameras are so accessible. Whereas in the past artists have put more effort and financial commitment into schooling, that world has opened up to anyone who buys the same level of camera and heads out to just do it.

"Becoming an artist changes day to day," said Wright. "It's easier to see the changes looking to the past because it's already laid out and easier to trace and follow events and development. Today it's almost commonplace to see some newcomer with a simple but catchy idea and an iPhone video suddenly be catapulted into the spotlight on any one of the social media platforms. The mentality of 'you must learn from a master,' and actively seek them out and beg to learn is pretty much gone, but was commonplace less than 100 years ago."

"I think the more original you can be in your work, the better off you will be," said Schutt. "It's really important to try and be as inventive as possible."

"You definitely have to find a process or some sort of aesthetic that is different from others but still recognizable, comforting to look at," said Walling. "Like you're not totally blown out of the water by it, like seeing something completely new and different, but still being noticed from the crowd."

Initial offers patrons the chance to get a sort of behind-the-scenes look at the process behind the work, with sketchbooks and videos chronicling the creation of the artwork on display next to some of the artists finished products. For example, Walling has included contact sheets to show which shots he didn't use.

"That's a nice little bit we all kind of enjoy about it because it's hard to get around your whole process when you just see the finished piece," he said. "You feel a little more

connected to the artist because you can actually see them working or see their process in front of you."

"I think that with the less common art forms it's a beneficial practice," said Schutt. "Most people know what it is to paint, but very few know what it's like to form something out of metal."

As the exhibition comes to a close, the artists are excited and ready to be engaged in the talk being held at the gallery.

"I'm looking forward to starting a dialogue about the struggles emerging artists face, and also educating people about what it actually means to be an artist," said Schutt.

Despite the success of the exhibition, Walling said the work doesn't stop and is anticipating further inspiration as a result of the upcoming discussion.

"When I'm talking about the work, I might choose a different word, and that will spark something else that I have been thinking about, and bring that into it as well, and then I can go home and go, OK, I thought of this and this, how do I bring that to that," said Walling.

A curatorial talk and artists panel discussion will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.



Bodhi Leaf by Daniel Wright

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JANUARY IS GONE, and with it Blue Monday, dubbed the “most miserable day of the year,” and Bell’s Let’s Talk day, a day devoted to an awareness campaign aimed at helping to reduce the stigma attached to challenges with mental health (also known as emotional or brain health to further reduce stigma).

Regardless of how you feel about some of the controversies of either awareness day, they do, in fact, get people talking.

Online – often a glossy, filtered version of what real-life looks like – neighbours in our community opened up and shared about the realities of their anxiety, hospital and treatment stays, post-traumatic stress disorder, caregiving responsibilities, and the impact of ongoing daily struggles. Social media posts were met with loving support, shared experiences, kind words and an all too familiar, “I didn’t know.”

Talking is what research suggests might help us all move toward health and well-being.

Numerous risk factors can play a part in mental health problems, but social isolation can be both a cause and symptom of several mental illnesses, affecting people of any age, and sometimes exacerbated by rural challenges.

How can we help each other thrive? One way is by looking at our community and asking how we might better prevent isolation and better encourage physical health, even on the coldest of days in the deepest of snow.

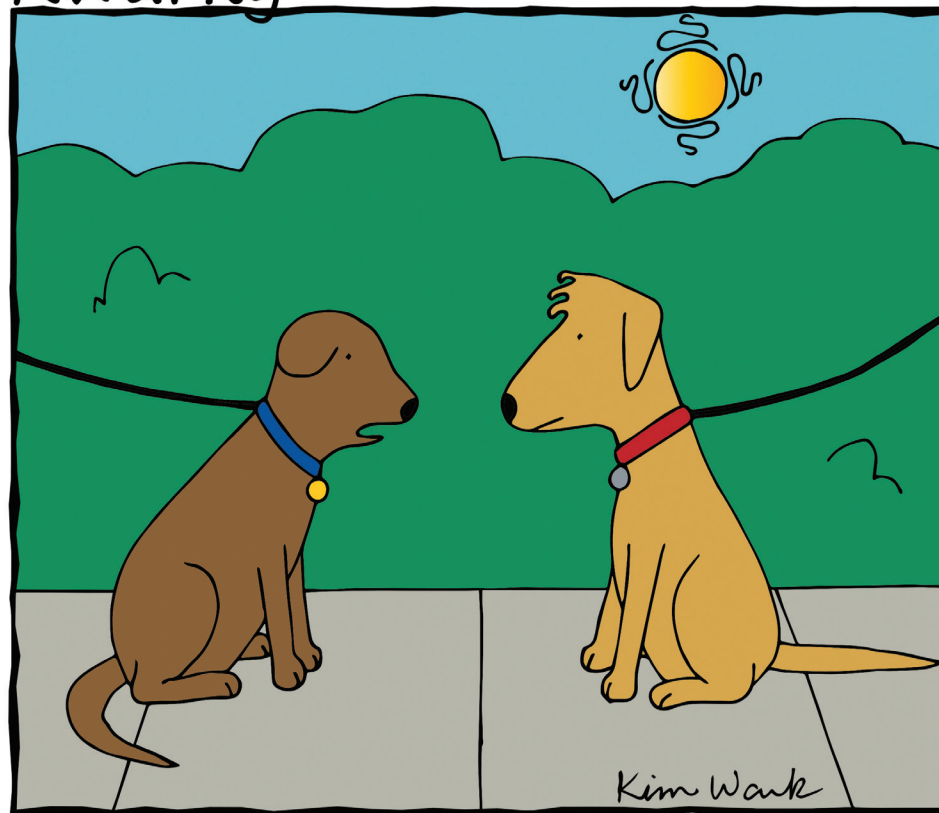
Are we encouraging social opportunities and physical health for all, regardless of economic background, age or ability with accessible infrastructure and a variety of free or low-cost programming? Do our neighbours have transportation and support to integrate fully into the community? Where do our kids gather together outside of school, without need for membership fees or the same interest? When was the last time we made time away from work or a screen to meet with a friend, or checked in on a neighbour? Do we say “let me know if you need anything,” or are we proactively making kind gestures and lightening someone’s load? Are you so distracted that you are less connected to others around you?

**SUE TIFFIN**
Reporter

Look out for people who you don’t pass on the streets or stand behind in line at the store, and say hello to people who you do. Rather than just scrolling through a newsfeed, send individual messages, or better yet, phone or meet with friends who might need some face time, as we all do.

February is here, and we all know it can be a grey and dismal month. One simple word – hello – can make a big impact on someone who’s feeling alone and isolated. Maybe you’ll just positively interrupt the familiarity of someone’s day, or maybe you’ll help them feel included and acknowledged and less alone. Let’s talk.

Kwarky



“My owners are divorcing. They no longer narrate my thoughts in baby talk.”

Goose down

IN THE LAST two days I have received multiple emails from well-meaning family and friends with links to a story that tells of a hunter who was knocked out cold by a falling Canada goose. The dead goose, shot by another hunter, plummeted into the blind and cold-cocked the man who was later taken to hospital and tested for mental damage – which is difficult, if not impossible to ascertain when dealing with a guy who looks forward to being in the cold marsh an hour before sunrise.

The good news is this hunter will very likely make a full recovery, though I imagine from here on in he will probably hit the dirt every time he hears a goose call.

I’m more surprised that this made the news cycle at all.

I don’t know too many hunters who have not been hit or had close calls with

charging waterfowl. My cousin Louis, for instance, quit duck hunting not long after a green wing teal doing 40 miles per hour hit him squarely in the chest. (To this day we tell him he almost quacked a rib.) This happened immediately after he decided to stand on the bench seat of a blind to see if any ducks were moving. They were.

I have also been in duck blinds on several occasions where we had to scramble to avoid incoming birds and once my cousin Dan had to defend himself with a quick left hook to deter a rapidly descending wood duck that I had shot.

None of this would come as a surprise to any experienced waterfowler.

In fact, this is actually an occupational hazard for the waterfowler and is the main

reason I prefer hunting half-pound green-winged teal over 12-pound geese.

For an experienced waterfowler, the real sport of a duck or goose hunt is to drop a bird in the blind, hopefully so that it hits the hunter beside you. To be clear, we’re not hoping for a solid knock out – that would cut into your hunting time. We actually prefer a technical knockout, whereby the hit hunter goes down for the 10-count and comes up after a liberal dose of smelling salt. Then when he gets up, you can tell him about the great shot you made.

As you might imagine, this is not easy.

The problem is when most of us see a situation like this unfolding, we instinctively yell “duck!” which is actually not a lot of help. If anything, this makes the hunter extend his neck and tilt his head up for a look – and next thing you know he has to explain to his dentist why he has down in his teeth.

We also have difficulty alerting the other guy because we are focused on the bird we hit and yelling, “Did you see that shot?” And this is especially problematic if “that shot” is getting closer to him by the millisecond.

I know it seems like I’m making sport of this, but I’m not. It’s a worrisome trend. Heck, if this continues, hunting regulations might be amended to make helmets mandatory. Never forget, this is why we no longer ride bicycles.

The only practical thing a hunter can do to avoid this sorry situation is jump out of the blind every time a shot is fired. But we’re not going to do that.

Getting back to the news aspect of this, I’m very surprised the story got out at all. There are very few hunters who’ll talk

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Political pipe dream?

IT'S TIME THAT we all started thinking and doing politics differently here in Ontario, and elsewhere.

The way we do politics is old and rusty. Our political systems are snared in a party system in which the parties and their goals are more important than the people and the common good.

Three major parties are contesting the June Ontario election, none of which is fully capable of providing the leadership that people want and need. All three have had their chance to lead in the last 30 years and all three have failed to provide the new ideas and decisiveness critically needed in a wildly changing world.

Democracy has been weakened in Ontario, but it is not the only place. Failing democracies are seen throughout the world.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Democracies flourish when people believe they can improve their lives. They start to fail when people feel their lives are stagnating, and they see a not-so-bright future for their children.

A recent Pew Research Centre study found that many people in advanced democracies like Germany, Sweden, Spain, The Netherlands and Italy are worried about their children's economic future. In France, the study found, 70 per cent of people said they doubt their children will be better off financially.

In the U.S. some research says that in 1970, a full 90 per cent of 30-year-olds were better off than their parents at the same age. By 2010, only 50 per cent of 30-year-olds were better off than their parents at the same age.

There is more evidence closer to home. In Ontario 42 per cent of young adults were living with their parents in 2016, an increase of 20 per cent since 2001.

Concerns about the future are one reason why cracks are showing in democracies, even in countries where democracies have thrived for many decades, or longer.

Freedom House, a freedom and democracy watchdog, reports that in 2017 "political rights and civil liberties around the world deteriorated to their lowest point in more than a decade."

It adds: "Democracy is under assault and in retreat around the globe, a crisis that has intensified as America's democratic standards erode at an accelerating pace."

Voters continue to believe in democracy but more and more of them see it not meeting their needs. They are upset by what they see as serious world change – growing inequality, sputtering economies, climate change, an evaporating middle class and unprecedented displacement and immigration that is swamping governments.

Many voters around the world are turning to anti-establishment political movements in hopes they can make things better. Populist nationalistic parties have made impressive showings in a number of European countries, and of course the United States.

So far these movements have brought little that can change the world for the better. They have brought, however, a retreat from common decency, political buffoonery, alternate realities and fake news and a disturbing rise in racism.

The alternatives to what we have now do not lie in these so-called populist movements and their alternate realities. Nor do they lie in the political systems and the political parties from which we have to choose.

The alternatives surely are in the people we choose, not the parties. We need to begin nominating and electing people who understand and believe in true bipartisanship – the working together for the best solutions for all people.

We need more youth, and more women in politics. More people who spurn tribal thinking and work seriously to develop their own thinking. People who are committed to bipartisan good governance without political party ties.

These will be people who believe that growth should be about meeting and sustaining needs, not growth simply to ratchet up profits and build bigger stock market numbers. People who see that the goal now must be to meet present basic needs without screwing up the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

Attracting and electing people to work independent of political parties may be a pipe dream. But our dreams are the hope of the future.

We need change in how we govern ourselves because the current political party system is corroded and corrupt.

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Bedtime sweet spot

GENERALLY SPEAKING, very few people get enough sleep on a regular basis. We have all experienced the pressures of trying to do just one more thing before we turn in for the night. Sometimes, we get caught surfing the internet or watching one more episode of a show. Before we know it, it's after 11 p.m., and we still have to go through the bedtime routine before our head hits the pillow. So much for getting to bed early.

Good health is based on a combination of good nutrition, exercise and sleep. Most adults need seven to nine hours of sleep a night. I have run into many people who argue that they don't need that amount. Of all the people that have told me this I've only met one person who really didn't seem to need more than five hours a night. He was always in a good mood and never sick. There are exceptions to the rule. I am not one of those exceptions. I need 7.5 to eight hours of sleep a night to stay healthy and happy.

Something I have discovered, by using a fitness tracker, is that I have a bedtime sweet spot. Sure, we've all been told that we should maintain a consistent bedtime and wake time all week long. That makes sense but I don't recall ever being encouraged to figure when my optimum bedtime is. I discovered it by accident, and now I am sharing this gem of wisdom with you.

My sweet spot is between 9:45 and 10 p.m. for lights out. When that happens I have a much better chance of undisturbed

sleep until 6 a.m., or even later. I am incredibly grateful for nights like those. While I do fall off the early bedtime wagon it doesn't take me as long to get back to it. I believe that closing my eyes in that magic window gives my body the time it needs to go through a shut down process. That includes

having my brain log off. I have also discovered that going to sleep too early, unless I am completely exhausted, doesn't work either. Hence, the concept of the "sweet spot."

If you're interested in finding your bedtime sweet spot I would suggest that you do the following:

- Pick a reasonable bedtime that you can maintain for a minimum of seven nights.
- Create a way of tracking information (fitness trackers will provide some of this data): the time you turned the lights out, how many times you were up through the night, the morning wake-up time (with or without an alarm), were you looking at a screen before bed, did you eat a late meal, and how rested you were in the morning.
- Review the information to determine if there is a pattern.

When you find your sweet spot try implementing it for a month or so. The benefits of being well rested are almost endless. They are yours to enjoy.

Something to think about.

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Practical Fitness

Summer job opportunities available in Dorset

DORSET NEWS

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Is this crazy winter getting you down? Maybe you're thinking about summer already? Algonquin Highlands is currently hiring a tower co-ordinator for the 2018 season. The job is full time and runs from May 1 to approximately Nov. 18. The township is also hiring a day camp leader, day camp assistant and Dorset Tower Attendants. If you think you might be the person for any of these jobs, check out algonquinhighlands.ca to learn how to apply.

After much debate over the lack of snow, the 2018 Dorset Poker Rally on Feb. 10 is officially a go! Registration is on Friday at Lions Camp Dorset and the accommodations are all booked up. For more information and to download pledge sheets, visit tallpines.org.

The snow we've received recently is a good sign for the 2018 Deep Freeze Winter

Campout. That event is taking place on Snowball weekend and the group is halfway to their goal of \$20,000. We still need some more snow but the forecast is looking positive.

Snowball buttons are available at businesses throughout Dorset for \$3 each and brochures will be out this week! Check your mailboxes or local establishments to get your brochure and see all the fun stuff planned for the Family Day weekend. The event kicks off on Friday night with the Family Skating Party (hot chocolate and hot dogs will be available) and ends on Saturday night with Hockey Night In Dorset (weather permitting). To participate in the hockey game you must be 18 years or older and full equipment is required. No advanced sign-up is required, just show up. For more information, photos from previous years and a list of activities, visit dorsetsnowball.com.

Happy birthday to Gino Ballestrin, Gail Hope, Esther Fortney, Sky Boughen, Kyle Jones, Jordyn Nash and Sarina McKey. Happy anniversary to Chris and Sandy Davis. For birthdays and submissions, please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

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New bylaw prohibits recording of council meetings

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The recording of council meetings in Algonquin Highlands is prohibited, except with permission of the mayor, according to a new procedural bylaw.

Council passed that bylaw during a Feb. 1 meeting.

While it didn't come up in conversation around the council table, section 93 of the bylaw, entitled "recording equipment," reads as follows:

"At meetings of council or its committees, the use of cameras, electric lighting, equipment, flash bulbs, recording equipment, television cameras and any other device of a mechanical, electronic or similar

nature used for transcribing or recording proceedings by auditory or visual means by any person, including not limited to members, representatives of any news media whatsoever is prohibited, unless authorized in advance by the mayor or presiding officer as the case may be; save and except for; the recording secretary of the meeting or designated staff members."

Section 94 of the policy goes on to read, "When exercising the discretion to authorize the use of equipment such as described above, regard shall be had as to whether the use will be a distraction to the meeting."

"It's a bit of a catch-all," Mayor Carol Moffatt told the *Times*, adding the policy was not meant to target local media, for whom it is a common practice to make audio recordings of council meetings.

"I think everyone knows some of you

guys do record," Moffatt said. She said a mechanism would be instituted to give local media outlets standing permission to record meetings.

Moffatt said that members of the public who attend meetings might not always be aware that recordings are happening.

"It really, it's just to advise other people who may be at the meeting that a recording's going on," she said.

Moffatt also noted that ultimately there is no way for councillors to know if members of the public are recording council proceedings through devices such as smartphones.

Bancroft, Wollaston and Highlands East councils employ similar policies and the executive director of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression Tom Henheffer told *Times* sister publication *Bancroft This*

Week last summer there are ethical considerations to limiting the public's right to record council proceedings.

"They are violating a core tenet of our democracy," he said. "These are public meetings that are public for a reason and they need to be held accountable."

Henheffer told the paper that restricting recordings was becoming more common among municipal councils.

"It's absolutely horrendous and this is something that we've seen happening in small towns around Canada," he said. "As a lot of newspapers and other media outlets close, there's no one minding the farm at council so they feel like they can get away with anything. They pass laws like this specifically because they can and there's not enough fighting back from citizens."

Police respond to 87 calls over the week

Over the week of Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to 87 calls with issues including traffic complaints, neighbour disputes, domestic disputes and animal complaints. There were 23 vehicle collisions and three of those involved deer. Officers conducted five RIDE checks.

Impaired Driver

On Feb. 4, shortly after 6 a.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a black

pick-up truck in the ditch on Highway 118 near Queens Line in the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Officers attended the scene and upon speaking with the driver, the officers determined that he had been consuming alcohol. As a result of the investigation, a 56-year-old man from Mississauga has been charged with driving while impaired and with too much alcohol in his blood.

A 90-day driver's licence suspension was issued and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 7.

Licence suspended at RIDE check

On Feb. 3, shortly after midnight, members from the Haliburton Highlands OPP were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program on County Road 21 at Soyers Lake Road in the Township of Dysart et al. A silver SUV entered the RIDE spot check and an officer spoke to the driver and determined that

he had been consuming alcohol. A roadside test was completed which resulted in a warn range suspension. This resulted in an automatic three-day licence suspension for a 55-year-old man from Wilmot Township.

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, visit Crime Stoppers at www.khcs.ca or call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a text to "CRIMES" (274637) with "TIP153" at the start of the message, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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Winner united with his ice hut

Tom McAlister might be a Toronto resident, but he says he spends every chance he can ice fishing on Lake Kashagawigamog.

"We're up here pretty much every minute we can be," he said. "We're good at fishing, not catching."

Thanks to a contest sponsored by ACM Designs, McAlister can now be fishing in style after winning a prize package worth \$4,500 that included a completely renovated and redesigned ice hut from ACM Designs. Here, McAlister is presented with his rejuvenated ice hut by Andria Cowan Molyneaux of ACM Designs at the Hardwater Festival on Jan. 27. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Hawks strongly represented at Gore provincial finals

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Both the boys' and the girls' Red Hawks curling teams advanced to the Gore Mutual Provincial High School Curling Championship finals by winning the double knock-out format regionals on Saturday, Feb. 3 at St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto.

This comes after advancing from the zone qualifier (a double-knock out event) several weeks ago.

The Hawks are now part of a field of 16 teams, eight in the girls and eight in the boys. Started in 1948, this competition is the oldest competed trophy in high school sports in Ontario.

The Hawks will be representing region two, the community and their school at the Ontario School Curling Championships from Feb. 15 to 17 at the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club in Sarnia to compete for the Gore Trophy and the Gore Bowl.

The girls' team includes skip Jessica Byers, vice Mackenzie Tidey, second Lena Haase and lead Chelsea Flynn.

The boys' team includes skip Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, vice Jonas Hill, second Liam Little and lead Jacob Dobson.

Former Red Hawks curler Alyssa Denyer, who recently earned a berth with her mixed curling partner Max Blais to the Ontario Winter Games, won the Gore provincial championship with her rink as its skip in 2016. This will be Byers' rink's second trip to the provincials.

Coach Hugh Nichol said the team of

Grade 9s and 10s, which has been together since Grade 6, will bring confidence into the coming finals.

"They know what to expect. They know they are competitive," he said.

The team chemistry proved invaluable in this tournament when the team was down, he said.

"Curling is a team sport where team chemistry means a lot. We were down a couple of times in games, but team chemistry is good. They stay together. They stay positive and they were able to come back," he said.

Nichol and boys' coach Darrell Dobson thanked the Haliburton Curling Club and credited them with helping the players develop their skills through youth curling programming and providing practice time each week with youth nights. They also gained experience in league play to refine their skills and give them competitive experience.

Dobson had similar compliments for his boys' team, who only came together this year.

"Everyone has a really positive attitude, and the team curled really well. Dustyn called strong games strategically, and the entire team shot with a high degree of consistency and accuracy. They got behind in the A final and showed a lot of character and skill to come back for the win. As skip, Dustyn made three remarkable shots in the fifth and sixth ends of the A final that made the difference in the game," he wrote in an email.



Red Hawks curling team members from left, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, skip, Jonas Hill, vice, Liam Little, second and Jacob Dobson, lead, are advancing to the Gore Mutual Provincial High School Championship from Feb. 15 to 17 in Sarnia. Submitted by Hugh Nichol



Red Hawks curling team members from left, Jessica Byers, skip, Mackenzie Tidey, vice, Lena Haase, second, Chelsea Flynn and coach Hugh Nichol, are all smiles after advancing to the Gore Mutual Provincial High School Championship from Feb. 15 to 17 in Sarnia.

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Former Minden curler goes for gold at Ontario Winter Games

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Going undefeated at the Ontario Winter Games qualifier is sending a former Minden curler to new heights.

Alyssa Denyer, a former Red Hawks curler and current Laurentian University student in Sudbury, with her teammate Max Blais of Smooth Rock Falls, earned the berth at the Ontario Winter Games Under-21 Mixed Doubles Qualifier B event from Jan. 27 to 28 in Lindsay with a 4-0 record (9-4, 9-8, 8-7 and 9-8).

Denyer said it will allow her to grow as an athlete.

"The berth means a lot of new and exciting things, and a whole lot of learning! Max and I only started curling together this year, when we realized it's our last chance to be able to qualify for Ontario, and then Canadian Winter Games," she wrote in an email. "The secret to our success mostly revolves around our positive attitude and never doubting our abilities to come back when we're down or keep a lead when we're up. In a game like mixed doubles, the score can go in any direction at any time, but we were able to pull through undefeated with great shot making and incredible sweeping."

Representing Sudbury Curl, the curling club in Sudbury, they were one of six teams to qualify for the Winter Games, which will be hosted in Orillia in March.

Denyer ranks this among her high school curling achievements, which include a trip to the all-provincials after winning a Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship title in 2016. In the same year, she skipped a team that included Tori Hawley, Alanna Casper and Emily Parish, who won the Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships title.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus started curling with the Minden Curling Club when she was 12.

Studying sports psychology, Denyer said her education has made her aware of the importance of team dynamics, confidence and focus.

"I'm able to notice when myself or a teammate is slipping. It's made everything a whole lot more interesting as I'm able to understand why we do what we do sometimes. I certainly think it has made me a better curler and teammate," she wrote.

Blais has had curling success on the national level.

Just a few weeks ago, he won silver at the 2018 New Holland Canadian Juniors with his team, Northern Ontario.

Denyer said she saw Blais at Sudbury Curl. Then she had



Coach Russ Duhaime of Minden, left, stands with his curlers Alyssa Denyer, a former Red Hawks curler, and her mixed doubles partner Max Blais of Smooth Rock Falls after earning a berth to the Ontario Winter Games with a 4-0 record at the Ontario Winter Games Under-21 Mixed Doubles Qualifier B event from Jan. 27 to 28 in Lindsay. They will compete in the Ontario Winter Games which is held from March 1 to 4 in Orillia. Photo submitted.

a class with him at Laurentian and the two became friends.

She said they get along well, on and off the ice, as they share personality traits such as being "easygoing and supportive."

A strong partner in mixed doubles is essential for success, Denyer wrote.

"With mixed doubles you have to be confident in your choice in teammate because you really only have each other to fall back on," she wrote. "Max is also a very well rounded player, playing lead for Tanner Horgan, he's become very experienced after being to nationals so many times. He has a great concept of angles, which is helpful in a cluttered game like mixed doubles, and is able to throw any shot called. Not to mention having him as a sweeper definitely makes a lot of shots."

Denyer appreciates the support she has received and

credited Russ Duhaime in the past for her game.

Duhaime, who has coached Denyer for years and was there for her achievements, was happy for the pair's achievement.

The mixed doubles category is new and has become more popular since it was added to the Winter Olympics, he points out. The last curler from this area to qualify for the Ontario Winter Games was his son, Owen Duhaime, who won silver with his team in 2010.

He said the field at the qualifier was "pretty solid" so it all came down to composure.

"I think the main difference was their ability to stay calm even when things weren't going their way. They've had a ton of competitive experience this season and they play with nerves of steel. Twice, they had to fight back from big deficits to salvage wins," he wrote in an email.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2017055:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 4, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10070, registered January 10, 2018.
2. **File No. PLSRA2017069:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10073, registered January 8, 2018.
3. **File No. PLRA2017059:** Part of the original road allowance between Concessions 10 and 11 in front of Lot 20, in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-10074, Registered January 11, 2018.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, February 8, 2018** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2018**.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this February 1, 2018.


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ASES athletes dig tourney

Archie Stouffer Elementary School intermediate volleyball player Scott King looks on as teammate Damon Harriss receives a serve in round-robin action at the 2018 Intermediate Boys County Division A Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at ASES in Minden. ASES made it to the semi-finals against Fenelon Township Public School, but lost to the eventual finalist. Haliburton's J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School won the final, beating FTPS 2-1./DARREN



Wildcats player Ty Mills serves at the tournament.



ASES Wildcats player Darian Maddock volleys a ball with teammate Scott King looking on.

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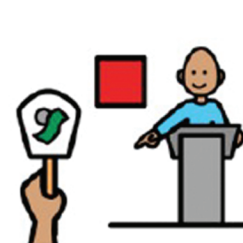
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Club hosts annual winter mixed bonspiel

On Jan. 26 to 27 the Minden Curling Club held its annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel. Sixteen teams from Minden, Haliburton and several Ontario clubs attended. The A Division winner was skipped by Evan Roitz (Minden), B winner by Kris Corbett (Collingwood), C winner by Paul Prentice (Minden) and D winner by Rob Warren (Whitby).

A Winners: (skip)
Evan Roitz,
Jessica Byers,
Liam Little, and
Lena Haase
(Minden CC)



B Winners:
Willie Prescott,
Patti Goreski,
Len Goreski,
and (skip)
Kris Corbett
(Collingwood)



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C Winners: Iain Kay, Joyce Nilsson, Patti Prentice and (skip) Paul Prentice (Minden CC)



D Winners: (skip) Rob Warren, Joan Conn, Patricia Winget and Ian Conn (Whitby)

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Answers on page 18

Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Jan. 29

High Average (cumulative)
Women - Chris Cote - 203
Men - Claude Cote - 208
This Week's Highs - Women
High Single - Chris Cote - 266
High Triple - Chris Cote - 557
High Single Hcp - Chris Cote - 283
High Triple Hcp - June Fortune - 681
This Week's Highs - Men
High Single - Claude Cote - 271
High Triple - Claude Cote - 703
High Single Hcp - Claude Cote - 286
High Triple Hcp - Ken Thompson - 770

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores

Jan. 30

Men

High Average Claude Cote 220
High Single Ken Thompson 252
High Single H/C Bruce Shephard 293
High Triple Claude Cote 674

High Triple H/C Ken Thompson 731

Women

High Average Chris Cote 200
High Single Chris Cote 206
High Single H/C Anne Lampman 271
High Triple Chris Cote 604
High Triple H/C Shirley Venner 665

Fast Lane Bowling Scores for Friday, Feb. 2

Ladies

High average Ren Higgins 175
High single Ren Higgins 234
High triple Ren Higgins 620
High single hcp Ren Higgins 275
High triple Ren Higgins 743

Men

High average Rick West 213
High single Gary Hunt 305
High triple Gary Hunt 723
High single hcp Gary Hunt 336
High triple hcp Gary Hunt 816

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Where: Kinmount Fairgrounds
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Start your day with our Pancake breakfast served from 8:30-11:00 at the Kinmount Community Centre

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When: Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 1, March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD, Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241.
HCPL is offering guidance and tools to begin that project you have in mind.
Introduction to the Maker Space tools. Noelia begins the day at the Centre for Making at HSAD but we can arrange to meet wherever required.

St. George's Pancake Supper
When: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
All welcome, no charge!

Eh! Environment Haliburton Enviro Cafe
When: Tuesday, Feb. 12
Where: Minden Cultural Centre
For more information contact: Eric Lilius elilius@halhinet.on.ca or Kaarina Blackie kaarina.blackie@sympatico.ca

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW) Open Meeting
When: Thursday, Feb. 15
Where: Haliburton School of Art and Design, Fleming College, Great Hall
Time: 1:30-2:30 pm. OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
Afterward, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speakers (CFUW business meeting to follow).
TOPIC: Bringing a Syrian Refugee Family to Canada
From the beginning stages of a television newscast and a call for interest, to the arrival of a refugee family, two members of the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee will share the process of bringing a family to Canada. The presentation will describe the months of planning, the on the ground work and the many people and organizations involved in this life altering experience.
WHO: Chris Lynd and Sean Pennylegion
Initiated by St. George's Anglican church, the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee was formed to raise funds to support a refugee family to come to Haliburton. Believing that the Haliburton community could do anything it put its mind to, Chris and Sean felt great pride as they chose to help the international cause and bring a family to safety. COST: FREE. Donations to the CFUW Haliburton Highlands Bursary Fund would, however, be welcome.

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MINORHOCKEY

Thrilling 7-5 victory for Bantam A team

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A's travelled down to Whitby this past Saturday facing a do-or-die situation against the Durham Crusaders in game 4 of this playoff match. Down two games to one in the best of five series, the boys knew that they were going to have to give it their all.

The first two periods were full of end-to-end action with Storm goalie Ben Landry being rock solid and our defensive unit totally on their game. We came close on numerous opportunities but the game remained scoreless going into the third period . The Crusaders took the lead early in the third on a power play goal and even though the Storm controlled the game for much of that final frame they just couldn't get on the score sheet. With just over a minute left in the game the Storm called a timeout and upon winning the ensuing face off they pulled Landry for the extra attacker and one last charge at tying the game. The final minute was very intense with the Storm swarming all over the Crusaders until with about 30 seconds left the puck landed perfectly on Brenden Coumbs's stick in front of a wide open net. Coumbs made no mistake and scored the tying goal and sent the Storm fans into a frenzied cheer. The game went into overtime and with momentum and boisterous fan support behind them, the Storm's Tim Turner scored the winning goal to send the series into a fifth and deciding game on Sunday.

Unlike Saturday's defensive battle, Sunday's game showed a lot more scoring with the Crusaders notching one 40 seconds in off the opening faceoff. Durham went up 2-0 shortly after and the Storm had to begin playing catch up. Tyson Clements put the Storm on the scoreboard and Hunter Arnott with some deft stick handling in front of the net tied the game at two. The see-saw battle continued with teams exchanging goals. Storm goals were by Sam Hoenow and Desi Davies however neither team was able to get that elusive insurance goal and the game was tied at four until Durham got a lucky break on a weak shot to take a 5-4 lead into the third period. The Storm coaching staff obviously performed some magic during intermission because our boys came out flying with three unanswered goals in the final period, one by Zach Davis and a couple by captain Jackson Gill giving the Highland Storm a thrilling 7-5 victory and eliminating the Durham Crusaders in five games.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Great season for Peewees

On Saturday, Feb. 4 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports

Submitted by Ron Hall

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicants: Fitzgerald

Lot 27, Concession 12, Little Hawk Lake

Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 27, Concession 12, Little Hawk Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 27, Concession 12, Little Hawk Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 27, Concession 12, described as Parts 3, 4 and 5 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10077.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **15th day of February, 2018** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: February 8th, 2018

Matt Gower
Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
Tel: (705) 489-2379
Email: mgower@algonquinhighlands.ca

Atom AE's head to playdowns

The GJ Burtch Construction Atom AE Storm played the Huntsville Otters on Feb. 3, at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The two teams were battling for the win in a tied game in the first round of playoffs. Both sides came out strong and ready for the fight. The first period was dominated by the Storm with many shots on net but were unable to get one past their goalie. It was Maclean Rowden that picked up the rebound shot and scored the first goal of the game. Unfortunately the Otters were hot on their heels and scored a goal of their own sending the game into another exciting overtime. The Storm players played hard and didn't let up on the Otters. They kept the battle going until the Otters snuck a goal in ending the game in a 2-1 loss. They played a great series as a team and with excellent skill. Their season isn't over yet. They are moving onto the playdowns with games yet to be determined.

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

Atom Select Storm takes on South Muskoka

This past Friday the TD Bank and Pharmasave Atom Select Storm team headed to Gravenhurst to face the undefeated South Muskoka Bears Atom Select team.

The Storm found it hard to get the puck out of their own end during the first period. It took some time for the Storm to get used to the large offensive zones at the Gravenhurst arena. Early in the

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NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING

2018 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will begin its 2018 budget deliberations on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Township's Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road.

Council will continue its 2018 budget deliberations immediately following the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2018.

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Inside**Carnival**

The weather could have been more kind, but there was still lots to do at the winter carnival.

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**Lions
pledge
\$100,000**

by Russ Duhaime

The Minden Lions Club has made an ambitious commitment towards the construction of a new Hospital in Minden.

The club voted unanimously last week to launch a campaign to raise \$100,000 towards the construction of a new hospital to be located adjacent to Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home.

Lion President Daryl Moore and project chairman Maurice Boyd announced this pledge to County Warden Jim McMahon

last Thursday.

McMahon said it is this sort of community spirit that will ensure this county will continue to have the health care facilities it needs.

County Council recently pledged to borrow whatever money is necessary to fulfil the local fundraising requirement to access the Ministry of Health funds for this \$10-million project.

The project calls for improvements and expansions to the acute- and long-term-care facilities in this county. Although the

county is willing to debenture the local cost of the project, fundraising continues to be the priority. McMahon said the Lions' pledge demonstrates that this community is determined to see this project is completed.

To make good on this pledge, the Lions have formed a seven-man committee, which will focus solely on achieving the goal. Boyd said the money raised for this project is over and above what the club provides for its various other community endeavors.

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**Board sticks
with plan to
postpone JK**

by Jerry Grozelle

The Haliburton County Board of Education is going ahead with its application to delay the implementation of Junior Kindergarten.

The board endorsed a recommendation from its Education Committee to ask the Ministry of Education for an extension until September of 1996.

The committee held a special meeting at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on January 24 to decide whether to go with its original proposal or to make changes in light of a recent ministry memorandum. The memorandum stated that the deadline for implementation of a JK program is September of this year and that the school board would be granted a temporary exemption "only in the most unusual of circumstances."

Originally, the committee had planned to apply for a temporary postponement of the JK implementation until 1996, citing a lack of funds and the fact that it would be inequitable to implement the JK program in some areas and not to provide the service in others.

None of the committee members commented in favour of a JK program in Haliburton County. Their reasons for opposing it were many and varied.

One committee member suggested inviting ministry officials to come up here to ride the buses for a day this winter and then ask them if they would want their three- or four-year-olds riding the buses for as much as two to three hours a day.

The idea of providing JK in some areas and not in others doesn't sit well with the committee either. One member commented that the government is pushing equity, yet implementing a program that can't be immediately provided in all parts of the county.

Another contradiction expressed is the fact that the government is cutting many services through the social contract while expecting the county to embrace this largely unwanted JK program.

In this depressed economy, the implementation of a JK program could mean some day care facilities may be forced to close, putting people out of work.

The school board seems to be living in constant fear of the ministry, according to one committee member, who questioned: "What happens if we just say no (to a JK program in Haliburton County)? Will they throw us all in jail for 25 years? What is the penalty?"

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Carnival Royalty

Surrounded by her court, Susan Carr, second from left, enjoys her moment in the spotlight after being crowned Winter Carnival Queen Saturday evening. The coronation was delayed one day by freezing rain, which also played havoc with other Friday night events. Joining the Susan are, second runner-up Sarah Ladurantaye, second from right, and Princesses Michelle Gartshore, left, and Dawn Gartshore, right.

Winter Carnival spirit is alive and well

In a sense, this was the first Minden Winter Carnival, all over again.

Although the event has been running for more than three decades, it was a first for the new group of organizers. And after months of planning and preparation, the organizing committee was served up a generous helping of nature's unpredictability.

Undaunted, though, by the worst downpour of

freezing rain in recent memory, the organizers salvaged what they could and pulled off a tremendous carnival in the bargain.

The freezing rain that stranded motorists throughout the region Friday also spoiled Friday's carnival events. The torchlight parade and bonfire

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Position: Groundskeeper / Cleaner

Job Type: Seasonal with potential for an extension
Location: Algonquin Highlands, Ontario **Wage:** \$14.00 Hourly
Description: Camp Kandalore is located 12 minutes North of Carnarvon in Algonquin Highlands, Ontario. Since 1947 Kandalore has offered an exemplary camp program to campers age 6-16. Kandalore has a rich history of paddling and canoe tripping which complements our dynamic in-camp activity program.
Start Date: April 01/2018

The Role: Camp Kandalore is looking for a hard-working, positive and reliable individual to join our team as a Groundskeeper and Cleaner. This person will be responsible for a variety of duties as outlined by the Site Manager. The general duties include:

- Cleaning of camp common areas including washrooms and shower facilities
- Grass cutting and weed whacking
- Garbage collection and transportation of garbage to nearby landfill sites
- Supply Washrooms and other common areas with necessary materials
- Assisting maintenance staff with the upkeep of the camp facilities
- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures, building basic storage boxes, canoe racks, paddle racks, shelving units etc.

Requirements:

- An appreciation for the environment and outdoor education
- Willing to work six days a week, afternoons, and weekends
- 21 years of age with a class G driver's licence
- Able to lift 50lbs continuously and work in a physically demanding environment
- Able to work outside year round in all types of weather
- Able to work as a positive member of a team as well as independently

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Gord@kandalore.com

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Position: Seasonal Camp Cleaner

Job Type: Seasonal: End of June until the beginning of September
Location: Camp Kandalore **Wage:** \$14.00 Hourly

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The Role: Camp Kandalore is looking for four hard-working, positive and reliable people to be our cleaning crew this summer. The general duties of the cleaning crew include:

- Supply Washrooms and other common areas with necessary materials
- Cleaning of camp common areas including washrooms and shower facilities
- Assisting maintenance staff with the upkeep of the camp facilities
- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures

Requirements:

- Must enjoy working outside and being part of a fun loving community
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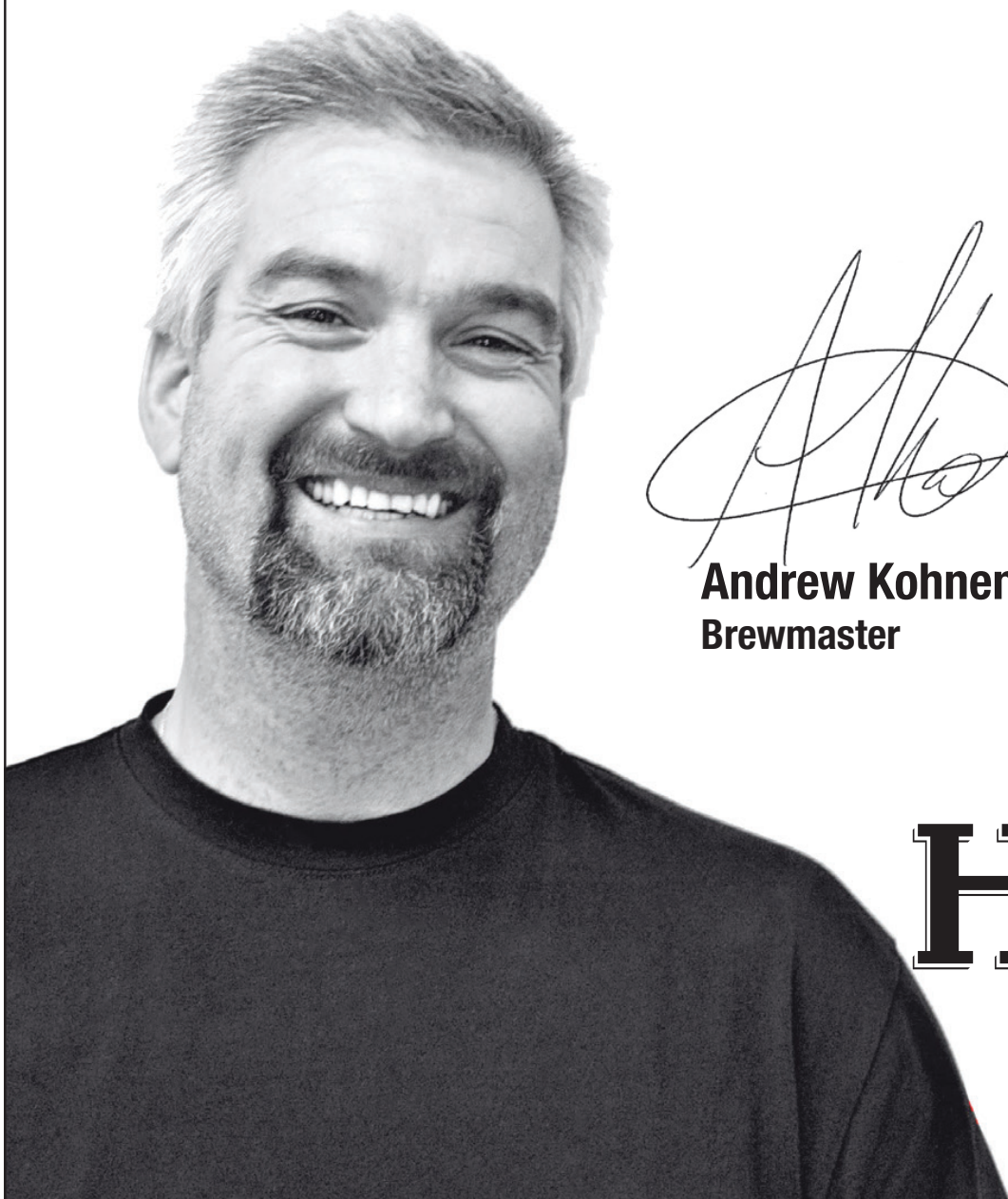
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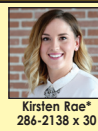
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second, Ethan Thomas broke away and scored the Storm's first goal of the game. Next up was Lara Galant getting in on the action intercepting the puck on the forecheck and quickly putting it behind the Bears goalie. Eric Bird used his size to his advantage sneaking in behind the Bears' defenders and put the puck behind their goalie. Assisted by Toby Posti and Haiden Bird. At the end of two periods it was 4-3 Bears. The start of the third saw Andy Lippolis spring Owen Sisson on a break to make it a tie game. It was a close battle which saw chances traded at either end. It was an excellent team effort by the Storm players however, at the end of this game it would be 6-4 South Muskoka.

Next up the Storm host the Huntsville LL Select Atoms in Minden Saturday Feb. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

LL Atoms shut out competition

On Saturday the LL TD Bank Atoms made the trip to Burks Falls to take on the Almaguin Ice Devils. On this day the Storm's offence came alive. In their best team effort to date, the team applied pressure to the Ice Devils early and often. Ethan Thomas opened the scoring on an unassisted effort and later had three more helpers throughout the game. Andy Lippolis scored three for his first hat trick of the season. Owen Sisson had two goals and an assist. Toby Posti got his goal when he let his power slap-shot go from the point. Not to be outdone Jacob Lloyd stopped every shot fired his way en route to his first shut out of the season.

Player of the game was Adam Davis. Adam's

hard work in his own end tying up Almaguin's forwards in front of the net, intercepting passes and getting the puck out of danger were some of the reasons the Storm were able to shut out Almaguin. Final 7-0

Next up the TD Atoms host South Muskoka Fitzmaurice in Haliburton Saturday before heading to Parry Sound on Sunday.

Tykes battle Bears

It was an exciting game between the Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes and the South Muskoka Bears on Saturday, Feb. 3 in Bracebridge. Early in the first period Evan Perrott banked the puck off the boards to Jack Tomlinson who shot, but the Bears' goaltender made the save. However, the rebound was put in the net by Jaxen Casey who was waiting out front. Minutes later Zach Prentice skated back and prevented a breakaway goal-scoring opportunity for the Bears. With a minute left in first, the Bears scored two quick goals. Storm goaltender Carter Braun rallied back with a big save early in the second period. In the next few minutes, Storm defenceman Matthew Scheffee and Prentice fought hard to keep it in the Bears' end, but no scoring was had. Next shift, Perrott sent the pass to Tomlinson out front who scored to even out the game at 2-2. The Bears scored with under a minute left in the second. Perrott and Tomlinson side by side got by the Bears' defence and Perrott put a shot on net and Tomlinson picked up the rebound to score. Still working off that momentum, Perrott put it top shelf with the help of McCartney Saunders to stretch the lead. The Storm held the Bears off for the remaining

minutes of play and took the game 4-3.

The Tykes hosted the Huntsville Otters on Feb. 4 in Haliburton. The Storm showed its home crowd what great team players they are. Jaxen Casey opened up the scoring with a back-hand goal, assisted by McCartney Saunders and Easton Burk. Fighting back, an Otters player came in on a breakaway but put it over the net. Mason Latanville carried the puck up the right side and beat the goalie going top shelf. Storm goaltender Carter Braun was busy pulling off some big saves to keep the Storm up 2-0 at the end of the first. Most of the second period went by scoreless. Defenceman Ethan DeCarlo repeatedly prevented the Otters players from reaching Braun. With 57 seconds left, Jack Tomlinson slid Vanek Logan's rebound off a pass from Zach Prentice into the net. In the third, Burk passed to Saunders who then got it out front to Casey for another goal. Minutes later the Otter goalie saved Logan's initial shot but gave up the rebound and he put it in the net. Assists go to Tomlinson and Luke Gruppe. Matthew Scheffee got the puck onto Evan Perrott's stick and from behind the net Perrott bounced it off the back of the goalie to score. Unassisted, Saunders got his second goal of the game. With just under two minutes left in the game the Otters scored but the Storm took the game 7-1. The Tykes travel to Parry Sound on Feb. 10, to face the Parry Sound Shamrocks.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Atom A's defeat Shelburne on Saturday

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Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's travelled to the Shelburne Arena to face the Shelburne Wolves for game 1 of round two of the playoffs on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The first period started with Cheyenne Degeer skating off the boards, spinning and passing it to Brechin Johnson out front who made no mistake. Goes high on the back hand and in. However the Shelburne Wolves scored right after and the score was 1-1 going into the second. The second began with Johnston to Addison Carr at the red line. Carr went on a breakaway and scored on a hard shot glove side. Shelburne scored two minutes later. Next Johnson scored out front on a pass from Degeer. Then Joshua received a pass from Degeer on a scramble in front after a rebound and scored.

Next Carr scored on a rebound after Kadin Card hit the post. Then Shelburne scored right after. However Scheffe carried the puck and passed it out to Johnson who got it and flicked it top cheese and the score was 6-3 going into the third. The third started with Prentice passing to Latanville who passed to Carr, and Carr won a foot race, deked and scored. Then Prentice clears it to Johnson who drove to the net and scored high glove side. But unfortunately Shelburne received a penalty shot and scored and then Shelburne scored again before the period ended. But the Highland Storm pulled off a 8-5 win of this first second-round playoff game.

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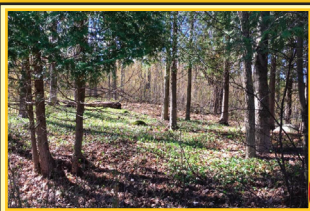
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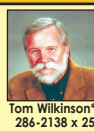
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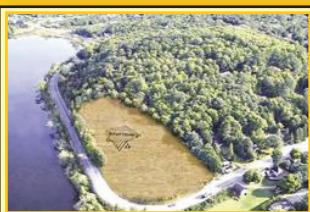
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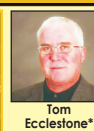
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- 274' Redstone river, pond, build Dream Home
- Barn (Needs roof rep) 2.3 acre, ¾ cleared
- Uses- Hobby Farm, Garden, Studio, Storage



Building Lot w/Acreage \$1,398,000

- 4+ Acres for Development in Haliburton Village
- Southern Exp., Great Views of Head Lk
- Walk to Town Amenities & Head Lk Park



Outstanding Exposure

- Prime HWY 35 Minden Location
- Totally Renovated, C-1 Commercial Zoning
- So Many Possibilities \$299,000



Peach/Kabakwa Lk \$574,900

- Total privacy, stunning views
- Over 2 acres & 200 ft of water frontage
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & hot tub!



Sir Sams Chalet \$599,000

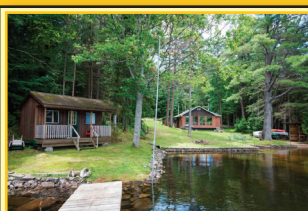
- B&B or Residential: 8 bdms, 3 bathrooms
- Excellent investment on Sir Sam's ski hill



SOLD

6.5 Acre Lot \$49,900

- Lg building lot close to Minden, utilities at lot line
- Public access to Gull River across the Rd.
- Won't last!... see it today!



SOLD

Little Hawk Lake \$519,000

- Year Round classic 3 bdrm cottage + bunkie
- 3.6 acres lot & 232 ft of clean water frontage
- One of few road access properties on the lake



Miskwabi Lake \$499,900

- Prime level lot, western exposure, big lake view
- 3BR cottage with heated line, lots of upgrades
- 123' frontage, clean shoreline, year round access



New Minden Home!! \$359,900

- Bright & Spacious 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Bungalow
- In town w/ Quality Finishes, High Efficiency



Pine Lake Retreat \$829,000

- 5 bedrooms / 3 baths
- Over 2 acres facing NW
- Many upgrades and features



Fort Irwin Diner \$249,000

- Turnkey diner style restaurant or diner
- Large list of inclusions to run your business
- Very clean building with recent updates!



Prime Commercial \$524,900

- Ideal lot for a multiple uses, lots pf potential
- Right in the Town of Minden, Services at the lot line
- Great opportunity for a large in town lot!



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